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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR INCREASED PL 480 WHEAT ALLOCATION

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1. AT ALEXANDRIA AIRPORT YESTERDAY, PRIMIN MANDUH
SALEM AND FAHMY RAISED WITH ME GOE'S INTEREST IN GETTING
A ONE MILLION METRIC TON PL 480 WHEAT ALLOCATION FOR FY 76.
ACCORDING TO FAHMY IDEA HAD INITIALLY COME FROM SALEM.
LATTER CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS SO, AND SAID HE
WOULD LIKE TO GET SUCH AN ALLOCATION FOR "PLANNING PURPOSES."

2. PURSUANT STATE REFTEL, I TOLD HIM THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY
PLANNING AN 800,000 TON LEVEL. THIS WOULD MAKE GOE LARGEST
RECIPIENT OF FY 76 PL 480 TITLE I WHEAT. I STRESSED
HE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT TAKE THIS AS A FORMAL COMMITMENT,
BUT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO HIM TO HAVE THAT FIGURE. I ALSO
ALLUDED TO RISE IN WHEAT PRICES AND
SERIOUS BUDGET CONSTRAINTS IN FULLY IMPLEMENTING THE
PRESENT FY 76 PROGRAM AND RECALLED GROWING CONGRESSIONAL
CONCERN THAT SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF PL 480 PROGRAM GO FOR
HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES TO SOUTH ASIA WHERE POTENTIAL
STARVATION EXISTS. I AGREED, NEVERTHELESS, TO PASS
REQUEST TO WASHINGTON FOR STUDY.

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3. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME EGYPTIANS HAD HEARD THE

800,000 FIGURE. THEY WERE PLEASED, BUT SALEM REITERATED
HIS HOPE THAT SOMEHOW ONE MILLION TONS COULD BE OBTAINED.
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